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Food and Drug Administration

Advisory Committees; Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a tentative schedule of forthcoming meetings of its public advisory committees for 1999. At the request of the Commissioner of Food and Drugs (the Commissioner), the Institute of Medicine (the IOM) conducted a study of the use of FDA's advisory committees. The IOM recommended that the agency publish an annual tentative schedule of its meetings in the **Federal Register**. In response to that recommendation, FDA is publishing its annual tentative schedule of meetings for 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IOM, at the request of the Commissioner, undertook a study of the use of FDA's advisory committees. In its final report, the IOM recommended that FDA adopt a policy of publishing an advance yearly schedule of its upcoming public advisory committee meetings in the **Federal Register**. FDA has implemented this recommendation. A tentative schedule of forthcoming meetings will be published annually in the **Federal Register**. The annual publication of tentatively scheduled advisory committee meetings will provide both advisory committee members and the public with the opportunity, in advance, to schedule attendance at FDA's upcoming advisory committee meetings. The schedule is tentative and amendments to this notice will not be published in the **Federal Register**. FDA will, however, publish a **Federal Register** notice 15 days in advance of each upcoming advisory committee meeting, announcing the meeting (21 CFR 14.20).

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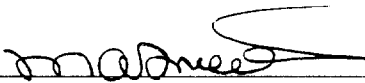
The following list announces FDA's tentatively scheduled advisory committee meetings for 1999:

Committee Name	Dates of Meetings	Information Line Code
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER		
Science Board to the Food and Drug Administration	June 11 September 14	12603
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICS EVALUATION AND RESEARCH		
Allergenic Products Advisory Committee	February 22 October 26	12388
Biological Response Modifiers Advisory Committee	March 18-19 July 15-16 November 18-19	12389
Blood Products Advisory Committee	March 25-26 June 17-18 September 16-17 December 9-10	19516
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies Advisory Committee	June 2-3 November 8-9	12392
Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee	January 29 March 11 May 10-11 July 8-9 September 14-15 November 4-5	12391
CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH		
Advisory Committee for Pharmaceutical Science	May 20-21 August 19-20	12539
Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs	March 18-19 September 16-17	12537
Anesthetic and Life Support Drugs Advisory Committee	January 12 May 10-11 September 13-14 December 9-10	12529
Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee	March 4 July 29-30 December 1-2	12530
Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee	February 24 May 3-5 July 26-28 September 13-15	12531
Arthritis Advisory Committee	February 23 April 20-21 July 20-21 September 21-22 November 30 December 1	12532
Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory Committee	January 28-29 April 29-30 July 26-27 October 14-15	12533
Dermatologic and Ophthalmic Drugs Advisory Committee	April 16 June 17-18 August 12-13 October 28-29 December 9-10	12534
Drug Abuse Advisory Committee	April 20 July 8-9 September 20-21	12535
Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee	March 26 May 20-21 July 8-9 September 16-17 November 18-19	12536
Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee	May 6-7 September 16-17	12538
Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee	June 21-22	12540

Committee Name	Dates of Meetings	Information Line Code
Nonprescription Drugs Advisory Committee	March 23 April 15–16 July 19–20 October 18–19 December 2–3	12541
Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee	January 12–13 March 22–23 June 7–8	12542
Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee	April 28–30 September 23–24	12543
Pharmacy Compounding Advisory Committee	May 6–7	12440
Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee	June 1–2	12544
Pulmonary-Allergy Drugs Advisory Committee	May 27–28	12545
CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY AND APPLIED NUTRITION Food Advisory Committee	April 26–28 August 4–6 November 18–19	10564
CENTER FOR DEVICES AND RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH Device Good Manufacturing Practice Advisory Committee	No meetings planned	12398
Medical Devices Advisory Committee Anesthesiology and Respiratory Therapy Devices Panel	March 5 June 25 August 27 November 12	12624
Circulatory System Devices Panel	March 1–2 June 2–3 September 13–14 December 9–10	12625
Clinical Chemistry and Clinical Toxicology Devices Panel	February 26 April 30 September 23–24 December 6	12514
Dental Products Panel	June 8–9 August 10–11 November 10–11	12518
Ear, Nose, and Throat Devices Panel	March 19 June 18 September 17	12522
Gastroenterology-Urology Devices Panel	April 22–23 July 29–30 November 18–19	12523
General and Plastic Surgery Devices Panel	June 16–18 August 19–20 November 15–16	12519
General Hospital and Personal Use Devices Panel	May 10–11 August 2–3 November 15–16	12520
Hematology and Pathology Devices Panel	January 19–20 April 12 July 12 September 15 December 15	12515
Immunology Devices Panel	April 9 July 16 October 15	12516
Microbiology Devices Panel	May 20–21 July 15–16 September 9–10	12517
Neurological Devices Panel	March 25–26 June 17–18 September 16–17 December 9–10	12513
Obstetrics-Gynecology Devices Panel	April 12–13 July 12–13 October 4–5	12524

Committee Name	Dates of Meetings	Information Line Code
Ophthalmic Devices Panel	January 12 March 11-12 May 3-4 July 22-23 September 23-24 November 18-19	12396
Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel	April 26-27 July 26-27 October 25-26	12521
Radiological Devices Panel	May 17 August 16 November 8	12526
National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee	June 7-8 November 8-9	12397
Technical Electronic Product Radiation Safety Standards Committee	September 15-16	12399
CENTER FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee	January 25-26	12548
NATIONAL CENTER FOR TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants	April 28-29 September 28-29	12560
Science Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research	March 24-25	12559

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